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GIRAFFE FAMILY REUNITES AT GREENVILLE ZOO

Greenville, S.C. – The Greenville Zoo today reunited Walter, a male Masai giraffe, with Autumn, female, and their 4-week old male calf, Kiko. It has been four weeks since the family shared the same exhibit.

“Once the three were out on exhibit together, Kiko’s first instinct was to head toward the far end of the exhibit,” said Greenville Zoo Director Jeff Bullock. “Kiko has become much more comfortable, and the trio are eagerly getting to know each other. We are thrilled to have them together just in time for Thanksgiving holiday visitors to the zoo.”

Greenville Zoo staff separated Walter from Autumn prior to the birth of Kiko due to safety reasons. Following the birth, they wanted to provide time for the mother and calf to bond and for the calf to grow. This also allowed time for Autumn to go through a postpartum estrous before mating again with Walter.

Giraffes breed throughout the year, so it would not be uncommon for a second calf to arrive as early as 18 months apart. Gestation for a giraffe is around 15 months. The Greenville Zoo anticipates the arrival of a second calf sometime in 2014.

The Greenville Zoo is open seven days a week, except on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Zoo entry ticket sales will close at 4:15 p.m. Admission to the Greenville Zoo is \$7.75 for adults and \$4.50 for children (ages 3 to 15). For more information about the Greenville Zoo, visit www.greenvillezoo.com. Follow the zoo on Facebook at facebook.com/greenvillezoo, Twitter at twitter.com/greenvillezoo and Flickr at www.flickr.com/photos/citygreenville/sets/72157631835488581/